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SUBJECT: NPG - 16 JULY STAFF GROUP MEETING

REF: (A) NPG (STAFF GROUP)WP(73)8(REVISED);

(B) NPG(STAFF GROUP)WP(73)7

1. NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) AT 16 JULY MEETING CONTINUED
DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERM REP REPORT ON OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS
AND DOCTRINE (REF. (A)). (REF. (A), WITH REVISIONS MADE AT
16 JULY SG MEETING, POUCHED ISA AND STATE.) SG WILL DISCUSS
PAPER AGAIN AT NEXT SG MEETING ON 30 JULY. FRG REP (THYES)
RECOMMENDED THAT PAPER BE ISSUED FOLLOWING 30 JULY MEETING
AS NPG WORKING PAPER FOR PERM REP APPROVAL IN EARLY OCTOBER.
ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED WE PROPOSE TO
ACCEPT ON 30 JULY REF. (A), AS AMENDED AT 16 JULY MEETING.

2. SG CHAIRMAN (SEIM) NOTED THAT PO/73/96 HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED IN DPC ON 12 JULY AND THAT DISCUSSION WOULD CONTINUE
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LATER THIS MONTH. CANADIAN REP (BECKETT), THE ONLY REP TO
SPEAK ON SUBJECT, NOTED THAT THE U.S. WAS RECOMMENDING THAT THE
PHASE II FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM BE USED AS THE VEHICLE FOR
HANDLING DOCTRINE ON THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

HE SAID THIS RECOMMENDATION INDICATED TO HIM THAT THE U.S. HAD NO MAJOR NUCLEAR DOCTRINAL INITIATIVES FORTHCOMING AND THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT IN PHASE II WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DPC IN THE FUTURE. HE ADDED THAT IF PHASE II WAS THE VEHICLE, HE WOULD EXPECT A SUBSTANTIVE REPORT BY THE PHASE II TEAM (FRG, UK AND U.S.) TO NPG MINISTERS IN NOVEMBER WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR DOCTRINE.

3. SUBJECT OF 16 JULY INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE "SOME NATO ALLIES RELUCTANT TO LET U.S. USE ATOMIC ARMS," CONCERNING MG GILLER'S TESTIMONY TO JCAE, WAS NOT RAISED AT MEETING. IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE RAISED BY ALLIES HERE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING INQUIRIES ON GILLER TESTIMONY. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TEXT OF TESTIMONY.
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